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'Good news' in budget: Munro

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It's a "good news" budget when job numbers go up, taxes go down and the deficit heads to zero, Durham-York MPP Julia Munro told a Stouffville business audience yesterday.

About 35 members of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce attended a traditional morning-after budget breakfast where Munro

gave her perspective of the provincial budget.

She stressed that the government has found money for health care, education, child care, safe communities, learning disabled children, roads, abused women and child support enforcement.

When Finance Minister Ernie Eves delivered the financial plan at Queen's Park Tuesday, business owners throughout Ontario, including those in Stouffville

and Uxbridge, paid close attention to how business, big and small, is being treated.

Measures are in place to help small business to grow and then be able to offer employment opportunities, Munro stated.

"Ontario leads the country in business growth," she said. Munro pointed out that last month, business confidence was such that 45,000 new jobs were created in Ontario.

More good news was reported for Ontario—Housing starts are up, retail spending is up and welfare numbers are down.

"There are 193,000 fewer people on social assistance. This peaks volumes," said Munro.

Munro defended her government for cutting expenditures, downsizing and focusing on reducing the deficit.

The people of Ontario wanted an end of big government, an end of big deficit and an end to higher taxes, and that's what they're getting from the Progressive Conservative-lead government, said Munro.

"I am proud of this budget," said Munro. "The tax-and-spend legacy that we inherited has been put to rest."



JULIA MUNRO



The Hulshof family of 12683 Kennedy Road in the Oak Ridges riding are from left: dad Paul, Bradley, 9, Michelle, 15, mom Thea, Bryant, 17, and Natalie, 13.

Photo by SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Farm family fears cutbacks

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The Tribune is following the federal election through the eyes of four local groups of people who look to the federal government on varied issues. Today we introduce you to the Hulshofs, a farm family. In upcoming issues we'll profile the Hargraves, a working couple with small children, the Rogers couple who are seniors, and John Lambersky who represents the youth vote.

When Stouffville dairy farmer Paul Hulshof does the night milking on June 2, his 40 head of Holstein won't monopolize his thoughts. Hulshof's mind will also be on the election returns.

Who's in charge in Ottawa matters to the agricultural community, Hulshof stresses.

In particular, the 45-year old graduate of Guelph University is worried about cutbacks in research and development within the

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News you can use

Two per cent of York Region's population is receiving welfare. Of the 600,000 people, 6,406 were beneficiaries of welfare in March, and although the number jumped to 6,424 in April, York Region is in better shape than other areas like Toronto, Hamilton and Ottawa, said Joann Simmons, the region's administrator for social services.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Council is about to decide who will be the town lawyer.

On Tuesday, council will figure out if it will go along with the town's chief administrative officer Merlin Dewing and shift the business to Cassels, Brock and Blackwell. Town lawyer Stanley Makuch has resigned from Borden and Elliot and joined Cassels, Brock and Blackwell.

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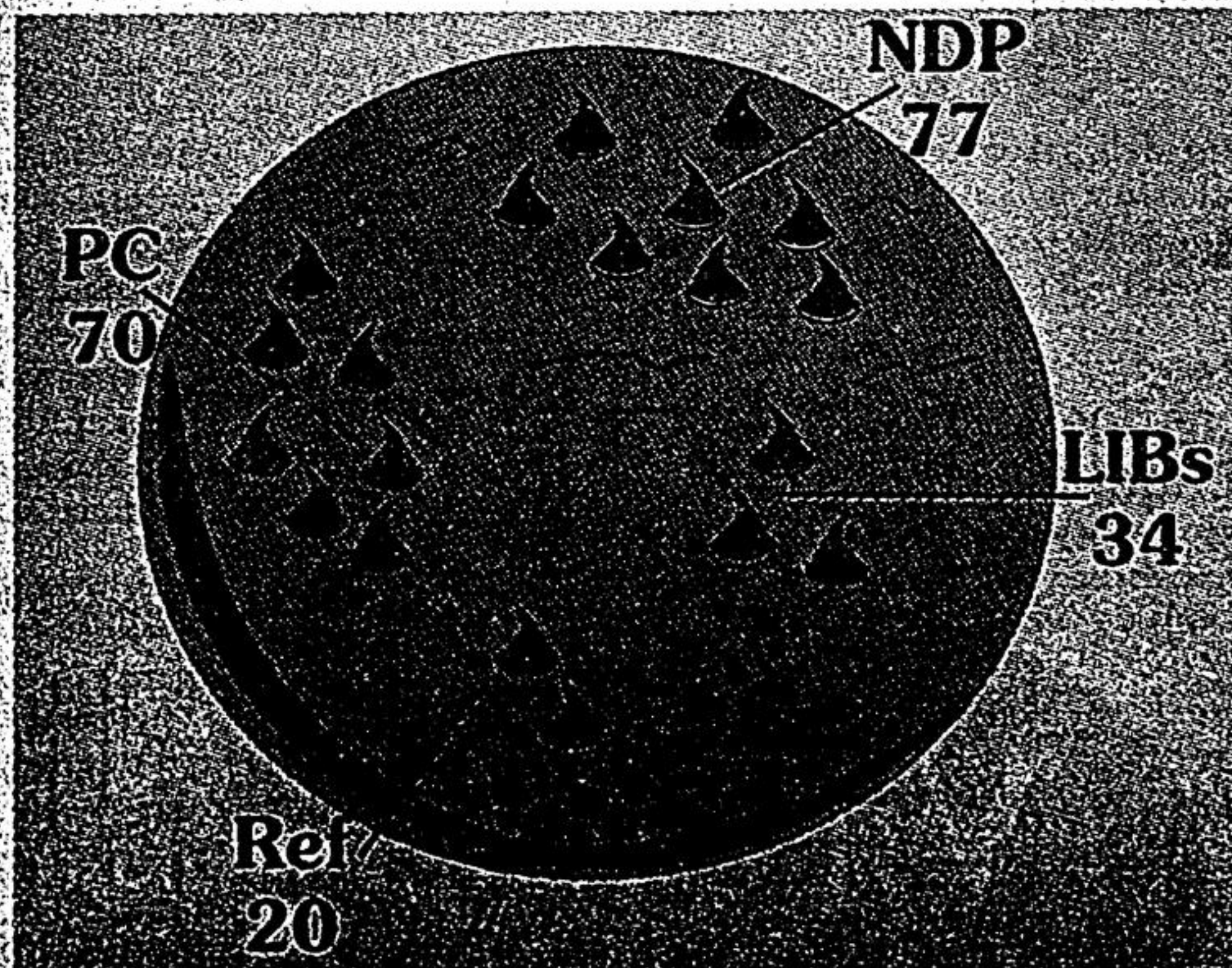
How the cookie crumbles

Votes are being cast in Stouffville's cookie election with the New Democrats off to a tasty start with their chocolate chip snack.

The Heritage Ice Cream Parlor and Deli, together with The Tribune launched the home-made cookie election.

While Tory chocoholics lead the way in the first few days of the cookie vote, Conservatives have purchased 70 white chocolate macadameas.

Yesterday, owner Ross Cowie reported that he had to put extra Liberal oatmeal raisins in the oven after



34 Grits emptied out their party's peanut butter. So far, no one has stashed. Reforms are a distant fourth with 20 of that party's faithful treating themselves to a chocolate cast your cookie vote by June 2.